Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The circulation of the 13 Marathi Papers to which we have given advertisement is more than 5,000.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over. Short Notice Q. No. 42 the Hon'ble member is absent.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Kannada Medium at the University Level.

247. Sri H. PUTTADASA (Sathanur).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has been decided to introduce Kannada Medium at the University level;

(*b*) if so, whether the Kannada Medium is compulsory or Optional;

(*c*) the steps they propose to take in respect of teaching personnel who do not know Kannada?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Optional.

(*c*) The Universities are looking into the matter. The following proposals are being examined:—

1. Knowledge of Kannada to be insisted upon for future recruits.
2. Special courses in Kannada for teachers who do not know the language.
3. Separate posts to be created for Lecturers in Kannada Medium Sections.

Legal Aid to Prisoners

252. Sri L. SRIKANTAIAH (Nanjangud).—

Will the Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any legal aid is given to the prisoners who forward appeals through jail to the High Court of Mysore;

(*b*) if so, the manner and the methods of legal aid given in such cases;

(*c*) whether the counsels now appearing as *amicus curiae* are given any remuneration and if so, the remuneration given and the amount disbursed during the last three years *i.e.*, 1965, 1966 and 1967;

(*d*) whether legal aid is provided to the accused who are unable to engage a counsel in all places where criminal courts exist?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In Criminal appeals before the High Court where sentences of death are involved and the accused persons sentenced to death are unrepresented, Advocates to conduct such cases on behalf of such persons are being appointed by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Mysore and a fee of Rs. 50 is being paid by the Government to the Advocate so appointed.

In cases involving sentences of imprisonment for life and lesser sentences in which the accused persons are unrepresented, Advocates to conduct such cases on behalf of such persons are being deputed by the Legal Aid Society after the High Court notifies the Society. A fee of Rs. 25 is being paid by the Government to the Advocate so deputed by the Society.

In Jail appeals, at the time of admission, Advocates are appointed to act as *Amicus Curiae* on behalf of the accused persons. A fee of Rs. 25 is being paid by the Government to such Advocates.

(*c*) Yes. During 1965 to 1967 a total remuneration of Rs. 550 has been paid.

(*d*) No legal aid is provided to the accused where criminal courts exist except in Sessions Courts. Sessions Judges are empowered to sanction a fee of Rs. 20 per day subject to a maximum of Rs. 200 per case to the Standing Counsel engaged to defend persons accused of capital offences.

Polytechnic Schools in the State.

253. Sri B. DODDABORE GOWDA (Srirangapatna).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of polytechnic schools at present in the State;

(*b*) the amount provided for the buildings of the said schools;

(*c*) the total amount spent annually towards the said schools;

(*d*) the number of students passed from these schools every year;

(*e*) the total number of students passed up to 1967;

(*f*) the number of persons to whom they provided appointments so far?